

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. NG-0051/
on its own motion, to investigate) PI-130
jurisdictional issues pertaining)
to construction and operation of a) PREHEARING CONFERENCE
natural gas pipeline within the) ORDER
state of Nebraska by Nebraska)
Resources Company, LLC, or any) Entered: September 17, 2007
other entity.)

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On July 24, 2007, pursuant to a request received on July 16, 2007, from Nebraska Resources Company, LLC (NRC), the Commission opened an investigation on its own motion pursuant to Neb. Admin. Reg. Title 291, Chapter 1, Section 012.01 to investigate jurisdictional issues pertaining to the construction and operation of a natural gas pipeline within the state.

A prehearing conference was held on September 17, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. Several parties participated by telephone. An extensive discussion was had regarding whether the hearing would be conducted in legislative format or whether cross examination would be permitted with factual witnesses testifying under oath.

The hearing officer has determined that issues of legal interpretation regarding the jurisdiction of the Commission will be made based upon an assumed set of facts regarding a potential pipeline project. No order in this docket will address the merits of any future pipeline project or application which may be filed with the Commission.

Comments offered at the hearing shall be limited to the issues raised by the July 24, 2007 Order opening the docket and related jurisdictional issues.

Therefore, the hearing in this matter will be conducted in legislative format. No cross examination will be permitted. Should any party wish to object to the format of the hearing, they shall do so by filing a written objection with the Commission no later than **5:00 p.m., Friday, September 21, 2007.**

Any party wishing to submit a post hearing brief shall do so no later than **ten (10) days after the completion of the transcript.**

Time for public comment relevant to the issues set forth in this docket will be available after comment by parties to this matter. Time limits on all comments may be imposed depending upon the number of individuals wishing to provide comments.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the hearing on this matter shall be conducted in legislative format as set forth herein.

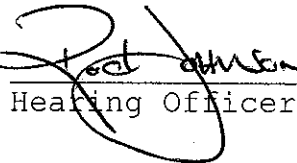
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should any party wish to object to the format of the hearing, they shall do so by filing a written objection with the Commission no later than **5:00 p.m., Friday, September 21, 2007.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any party wishing to submit a post hearing brief shall do so no later than **ten (10) days after the completion of the transcript.**

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that time for public comment relevant to the issues set forth in this docket will be available after comment by parties to this matter. Time limits on all comments may be imposed depending upon the number of individuals wishing to provide comments.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 17th day of September, 2007.

By:


Hearing Officer